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SUBJECT:GREEK CHARGE'S CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT LAINGEN

1. GREEK CHARGE NOMIKOS CALLED APRIL 8 ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN TO SEEK US SUPPORT IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMING IN VIENNA. LAINGEN REASSURED NOMIKOS THAT THE US CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE TALKS AND IS ALSO PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO HELP THE PARTIES DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK TO FACILITATE PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. LAINGEN ADDED THAT THIS FRAMEWORK SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW, ENCOMPASS BOTH AN INTERCOMMUNAL FORUM AND BILATERAL GREEK GOVERNMENT AND TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONTACTS.

2. THE GREEK CHARGE INDICATED THAT HE VIEWED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FAVORABLY AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO SEE PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION. HE SAID THAT PROGRESS ON CYPRUS WOULD FACILITATE A DIALOGUE ON OTHER MATTERS WITH TURKEY.

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3. LAINGEN COUNSELED NOMIKOS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOG'S AVOIDING PRECIPITOUS ACTION IN THE AEGEAN, AND NOTED WE ARE SAYING SAME THING TO TURKS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TURKS VIEW RE-MILITARIZATION OF THE AEGEAN ISLANDS AS

PROVOCATIVE, JUST AS GREECE VIEWS TURKISH OVERFLIGHTS AS PROVOCATIVE. THUS, EACH SIDE SEES THE OTHER AT FAULT, AND WE WERE TROUBLED BY RISKS OF CONFLICT IN SITUATION WHERE BOTH SIDES PROFESSED TO WANT TO AVOID TROUBLE. LAINGEN ADDED HIS HOPE THAT GREECE WOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF ADVENT NEW GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY TO CONVEY ITS OWN ASSURANCES OF PEACEFUL INTENTIONS.

4. NOMIKOS REPLIED THAT SUCH INTENTIONS WERE MADE CLEAR TO THE TURKS WHEN GREECE PROTESTED THE OVERFLIGHTS. NOMIKOS EMPHASIZED THAT NO GOVERNMENT COULD ACCEPT TRESPASSING ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY, PARTICULARLY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, AFTER ITS BITTER EXPERIENCE WITH CYPRUS. THE TURKS, IN VIOLATION OF TREATIES, SIMPLY INVADED AND NO FORCE--NEITHER AMERICAN NOR EUROPEAN--HAS BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE THOSE TROOPS. HOW THEN CAN ANY GREEK GOVERNMENT LEAVE THE AEGEAN ISLANDS DEFENSELESS?

5. LAINGEN REITERATED THAT IT WAS ALL IMPORTANT IN THIS SITUATION THAT BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND FIND WAYS THROUGH BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO SOLVE COMMON PROBLEMS. KISSINGER

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